

January 2003

GOODYEAR CITYREPORT

Welcome 2003!

Watch Your Water Usage!

Remember to pay extra special attention to the amount of both indoor and outdoor water you use in January, February and March. Try not to fill pools or hose off driveways and don't overwater the landscaping.

Your sewer bill for the following 12 months will be determined by the average amount of water your family uses during these three important winter months.



Help Keep Valley Skies Blue During Cool Winter Months

The Clean Air Campaign invites Goodyear residents to combat pollution during the winter months. Now through February is the high carbon monoxide and particulate pollution season commonly seen as the brown cloud looming over the Valley during these winter months. Pollution comes from vehicle emissions, driving on unpaved roads, farming, industry and wood fireplaces. Carbon monoxide comes from vehicles, wood fires, barbecues, gasoline lawnmowers and garden equipment.

To help keep our Valley skies blue, we ask that Goodyear residents use alternative forms of transportation. Residents who reduce driving by using a bus, bike, carpool, vanpool or by telecommuting at least one day a week make a significant contribution to reducing air pollution in the Valley.

To help find a carpool or vanpool partner, residents can log on to www.ShareTheRide.com. The online rideshare matching system helps residents find potential commute partners who travel to and from the same general vicinity with the same work schedule.

For more information, call Valley Metro at 602-262-7433.



Resident Input Needed On City's Future

Goodyear's General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) asks residents to attend public meetings to comment on the Draft General Plan as it has been developed so far.

For your convenience, the same information will be presented on two different dates.

Tues., Jan. 7, 2003

6:00 p.m. - Media Room
Palm Valley
Elementary School
2801 North 135th Ave.

Wed., Jan. 8, 2003

6:00 p.m. - Choir Room
Estrella Foothills
High School
13033 South Estrella Parkway



The final gavel - Dec. 16, 2002

FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

In 1995, when I first became Mayor, Goodyear was still a quiet little town of 6,400 people. During my eight years in office it has grown almost 370% to 30,000 residents and, in 1996, celebrated the 50th anniversary of its incorporation as a city.

Initially, I became involved in city government when asked to help write the Goodyear City Charter in 1987. The sense of satisfaction I received from helping set the direction and vision for the city in which I had raised my family was great!

In 1989, I successfully ran for a seat on City Council and found I could really make a difference! While on Council, I worked with the Governor's office on a policy for drug prevention. As a result, I started a citizen committee among Goodyear, Avondale and Litchfield Park residents called "Tri-City Alliance Against Drugs." This led to the successful partnering of most of the 13 West Valley cities to obtain a \$2.5 million substance abuse grant.

This West Valley partnership led to the formation of today's West Valley Mayors and Managers meetings where we discuss and help solve our common regional problems.

Becoming a member of Council was a very broadening

experience. It gave me the knowledge and the business contacts I needed to help create the West Valley Fine Arts Council and the Tri-City West Boys & Girls Club.

While I am proud of having helped form these groups, my true gratification comes from how much they have enhanced the Southwest Valley's quality of life. The cultural contribution the arts council has made to the entire West Valley is tremendous.

And I am always thrilled about the successes of the children who found a "place" at the Boys & Girls Club. The club has kept hundreds of boys and girls off the streets and out of trouble so they could go on to lead good, productive lives.



As Mayor, I was able to start the Mayor's Challenge Golf Tournament to help on-going funding for the club. This year we raised almost \$30,000.

Currently I am leading the fundraising effort for the new YMCA. Hopefully, it will have the same dramatic effect on our youth that the Boys & Girls Club has had in our community.

During the recession in the 1990s, Goodyear's promising growth came to a standstill. However, the City Council was patient, holding true to our vision. I am proud that we waited for the right development and we got it with great master-planned communities such as Estrella Mountain Ranch, Palm Valley and PebbleCreek.

I am also pleased that I was able to make city land available

to the New Life Center in 1998 which enabled them to expand their services to help more abused families in the Southwest Valley.

During my years as an elected official for the wonderful city of Goodyear, I served alongside the finest, most visionary City Councilmembers any city could have had. I also had the privilege to work with a very dedicated City staff.

I will miss being your mayor, but I promise to continue serving you at the state level. As I leave office, I want to challenge all of you to get actively involved in your community. Take a chance and step through that door of opportunity as I did. You won't regret it.

So, rather than good-bye, I'll just say "so long."

Sincerely,

William O. Smith

Council Calendar

All Council meetings and work sessions are held at the Goodyear Justice Facility at 986 S. Litchfield Rd.

**Monday, Jan. 6
5 PM**

Work Session on General Plan

6:30 PM (approx)
Special Council Meeting
(Joint Council/P&Z)

Monday, Jan. 13 - 6 PM
City Council Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 21* - 5 PM
City Council Work Session

Monday, Jan. 28 - 6 PM
City Council Meeting

***See Holiday Schedule - Pg 3**

Register To Vote!

February 10th is the last day to register to vote in the upcoming March 11, 2003 primary election. The position of Mayor and three Council seats are up for election in the primary.

Also being voted on is Proposition 402 which adjusts the city's state-imposed 1980 spending limit. The voter registration form can be picked up at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, 190 N. Litchfield Rd.

City Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day - Wed., Jan. 1
City offices closed.

***Contained Trash** - regular schedule

***Uncontained Trash** - Wednesday will be serviced with Thursday's pick-up

Martin Luther King Day - Mon., Jan. 20
City offices closed.

***Contained Trash** - regular schedule

***Uncontained Trash** - Monday will be serviced with Tuesday's pick-up

Recycle Your Holiday Tree

Five 24-hour drop bins are located throughout the city for Christmas tree disposal through Friday, January 10th. Please remove **all** holiday decorations before disposing of the tree.

-- 3645 Clubhouse Dr. - north end of parking lot

-- Park at Monte Vista & Palm Valley Blvd.

-- Loma Linda pool parking lot

-- Elliot & 181st Ave. (ballfields)*

-- Harrison Street, east of Shooting Star

**EMR site has changed since reported in January CityReport.*

Note: There will be no Estrella Vista drop site as previously reported.



Deputy Manager to Head Public Works Association

Grant Anderson, Deputy City Manager, has been elected President of the Arizona Chapter of the American Public Works Association. He begins serving the one-year term in January.

Anderson will also be serving on the Board of Directors for Valley Forward, a group which focuses primarily on environmental development issues.



Goodyear City Council (Back L to R): Frank Cavalier, Dick Sousa, Jim Cavanaugh, Sue Linney. (Front, L to R): Vice Mayor Seth Kanter, Mayor William Arnold and Ken Porter.

City Council Business

A Summary of Major Actions

November 25, 2003

■ Council approved the following final plats: Parcel F of Estrella Vista; The Villas (Parcel E) at Estrella Vista; Parcel 71 of Estrella Mountain Ranch, Sonoran Village; and Parcel 2 of Sarival Village.

■ Council adopted an ordinance amending the City Code which provides for the insulation of all above-slab hot water lines with R-4 insulation. It also calls for installation of an electrical outlet to accommodate water recirculating pumps on the hot water supply lines of all occupancies covered by 2000 international residential code.

■ Council approved the West Valley Medical Campus preliminary plat which subdivides 33.5 acres into 4 lots. The property is generally located on the south side of McDowell Road at 136th Drive.

December 9, 2003

■ Council denied the issuance of a Request for Proposal for the design and construction of a solid waste transfer station to be located on a parcel of land adjoining the present Goodyear Water Reclamation Facility.

■ Council authorized the City Manager to execute the Incentive Recharge Contract between Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) and the City of Goodyear to allow the purchase of Central Arizona Project (CAP) water at the incentive recharge rate.

■ Council approved the building elevations for housing products proposed within The Villas, generally located at Estrella Parkway and Goodyear Boulevard, as submitted by Beazer Homes subject to certain stipulations.



Let's Protect our Streets!

Did you know that it is unlawful to willfully or negligently permit or cause the escape of a flow of water in such a quantity as to cause flooding, or to impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic or cause damage to the public streets of the city?

Backwashing your pool or letting your sprinklers run excessively into the streets causes damage to our public rights of way.

By keeping street repairs due to water damage to a minimum, the City saves money. By not overwatering your landscaping, you can conserve water.

It's a win-win for everyone!

Fireman Justin Swenson Honored As Goodyear City Employee of the Year



To be named Employee of the Year one must demonstrate above and beyond work performance and customer service to internal and external customers and exemplify pride and honor in his/her job.

Justin Swenson is just such an employee. Justin, who began as a volunteer firefighter in 1995, was hired full-time in 1998 and promoted to Engineer in 2001, the year he also received his paramedic certification. Justin was nominated

because he is dedicated to promoting the Fire Department and the City to the employees and citizens of Goodyear through his involvement in numerous activities. His role on the Employee Rewards & Recognition Committee and the Employee Summit Team demonstrates his enthusiasm for recognizing and encouraging his fellow City employees.

Justin is also committed to the Fire Department's mission of fire prevention by being both a FirePal and a puppeteer in addition to his regular firefighting and paramedic duties. He recognized there was a need for help to accomplish this goal and stepped up to assist. Justin has spent a great deal of time attending characterization training, building props, rehearsing, and presenting two characterization assemblies to the children in the community.

Justin's professional demeanor and his strong work ethic embody the ideal firefighter and City employee. Congratulations, Justin!



YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

We want your ideas on how we may better serve you. Just fill out this form and return it with your garbage collection bill or mail it to Linda Dillard, Community Advocate, Citizen's CitySource Office, 190 N. Litchfield Road, P.O. Box 5100 Goodyear, AZ 85338, or E-mail to Ldillard@ci.goodyear.az.us.

Comments (please print): _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____



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Vibrant future!**

City Telephone Numbers

24-Hour City Hotline	623-932-1716
Building Safety	623-932-3004
City Clerk	623-882-7830
City Court	623-932-3013
City Hall	623-932-3910
City Manager	623-882-7051
CitySource Office	623-882-7808
Code Compliance	623-882-7815
Community Advocate	623-882-7800
Crisis Service Line	623-882-7677
Dead Animal Removal	602-222-8555
Engineering	623-882-7979
Garbage/Trash/Recycling	602-932-1637
Economic Development	623-932-3025
Fire Department	623-932-2300
Mayor & City Council	623-882-7776
Neighborhood Programs	623-882-7808
Parks/Pool/Recreation	623-932-1637
Planning & Zoning	623-932-3005
Police Department	623-932-1220
Streets/Transportation	623-932-1637
Utility Hook-Up/	
Bill Payment	623-932-3015
Water Quality/Pressure	623-932-1637

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